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C O N F I D E N T I A L SOFIA 1594

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, BU
SUBJECT: PROPOSED BULGARIAN AWARD

REF: STATE 171538

1. ASSUME THAT WHAT GOB IS PROPOSING IS "ORDER OF THE HORSE-MAN OF MADARA, SECOND CLASS" WHICH IS WHAT ALL WESTERN AND THIRD WORLD AMBASSADORS RECEIVE UPON DEPARTURE (EAST EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS RECEIVE THE ORDER "FIRST CLASS"). ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS RITUAL THAT I AM AWARE OF DURING LAST THREE YEARS WAS THE LAST YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR WHOM GOB HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR WORSENING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. ALTHOUGH WE COULD EXPLAIN THAT IT IS NOT USUAL PRACTICE FOR AMERICAN AMBASSADORS TO RECEIVE FOREIGN ORDERS OR MEDALS, AND THAT IN ANY CASE THEY MAY NOT PERSONALLY RETAIN THEM, ON BALANCE I BELIEVE THAT NEWSPAPER REPORTS SAYING THAT THE DEPARTING AMERICAN AMBASSADOR HAD RECEIVED THE ORDER WOULD DO US A BIT OF GOOD. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ABSENCE OF SUCH A PRESENTATION WOULD BE NOTED AND MIGHT GIVE RISE TO SPECULATION THAT US-GOB RELATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN "NORMALIZED" AND MIGHT EVEN IN SOME WAY HAVE DETERIORATED RECENTLY.

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3. I SUPPOSE THAT WHAT IS PLANNED IS FOR ZHIVKOV TO HANG THIS THING AROUND MY NECK WHEN I CALL ON HIM ON THURSDAY MORNING. ACCORDINGLY, RECOMMEND THAT DEPT EXPLAIN THAT WHILE UNDER CURRENT LEGISLATION I CANNOT RETAIN THE MEDAL THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO MY RECEIVING IT. IF APPROVED, WILL DELIVER THE MEDAL TO THE OFFICE

OF PROTOCOL UPON ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON.
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